

ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Fifty-second Legislature – Second Regular Session

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COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

Report of Regular Meeting
Monday, March 14, 2016
House Hearing Room 4 -- 9:30 a.m.

Convened 10:12 a.m.

Recessed

Reconvened

Adjourned 10:16 a.m.

Members Present

Mr. Clark
Mr. Larkin
Mr. Weninger
Mr. Mesnard, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Ugenti-Rita, Chairman

Members Absent

Mrs. Carter

Agenda

Original Agenda – Attachment 1

Request to Speak

Report – Attachment 2

Committee Action

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Attachments</u> (Summaries, Amendments, Roll Call, Attendance)
SB1351	DP	5-0-0-1	3, 4
Committee			5
Attendance			


Marshall Pimentel, Chairman Assistant
3/18/16

(Original attachments on file in the Office of the Chief Clerk; video archives available at <http://www.azleg.gov>)

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

DATE Monday, March 14, 2016

ROOM HHR 4

TIME 9:30 A.M. NOTE TIME
CHANGE

Members:

Mrs. Carter
Mr. Clark

Mr. Larkin
Mr. Weninger

Mr. Mesnard, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Ugenti-Rita, Chairman

Bills	Short Title	Strike Everything Title
SB1351	<u>DP</u> schools; elections; ballot arguments; exclusion (Lesko, Kavanagh: Allen S, et al)	
	<u>5-0-0-1</u> ELECT, RULES	

ORDER OF BILLS TO BE SET BY THE CHAIRMAN

MJP
3/9/16

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Information Registered on the Request to Speak System

House Elections (3/14/2016)

SB1351, schools; elections; ballot arguments; exclusion

Support:

Barry Aarons, ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS; Kevin McCarthy, Arizona Tax Research Association

Oppose:

Jose Borrajero, representing self; martha hayes, representing self; Jennifer Wellsman, representing self; Terrance Traylor, representing self; Janelle Solomon, representing self; Tom Holding, representing self; Jane Schutte, representing self; Archie Dicksion, representing self; Donald Cline, representing self; Richard Hofelich, representing self; Christine Maceri Genge, representing self; Dennis Genge, representing self; John Baunoch, representing self; elisa dewsgroseilliers, representing self; Shirley Lamonna, representing self; Joyce Hill, representing self

All Comments:

Jose Borrajero, Self: Originally this was a good bill, because it enabled board members to let voters know if they opposed or favored proposed bond issue. As amended, it does just the opposite. It hides that important information.; Archie Dicksion, Self: Removing the ability of a school board member to show they are not in favor of a ballot proposition is misleading to the public and should not be allowed in this bill; elisa dewsgroseilliers, Self: As amended this is not a good bill.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SB 1351

schools; elections; ballot arguments; exclusion

Prime Sponsor: Senator Lesko, LD 21

X Committee on Elections

Caucus and COW

House Engrossed

OVERVIEW

SB 1351 requires a ballot argument for a proposed change be signed as the governing board of the school district (board) without listing any member's name.

PROVISIONS

1. Specifies that a ballot argument for a proposed change must be signed as the board without listing any member's name.
2. Makes technical and conforming changes.

CURRENT LAW

A county school superintendent is required to prepare an informational report (report) on the proposed increase in the budget and a sample ballot and, at least 40 days prior to the election, must transmit the report and the sample ballot to the board. The board, upon receipt of the report and the ballot, must mail or distribute the report and the ballot to the households in which qualified electors reside within the school district at least 35 days prior to the election (A.R.S. § 15-481).

The report must contain at least 2 arguments, but no more than 10 arguments, for or against the proposed increase in the budget. The arguments must be in a form prescribed by the county school superintendent and may not exceed 200 words. Arguments for the proposed increase in the budget must be provided in writing and signed by the board. The names of persons and entities submitting written arguments must be included in the report.

A school district is required to mail a publicity pamphlet to each household in the school district that contains a qualified elector at least 35 days before the election. The publicity pamphlet must contain a complete list of each capital improvement when bonds were initially approved and that are proposed to be eliminated, or to have its cost reduced and the proposed cost of each improvement including a separate aggregation of capital improvements for administrative purposes. Arguments for and against the proposed change must also be included in the publicity pamphlet (A.R.S. § 15-491).

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ROLL CALL VOTE

COMMITTEE ON _____ ELECTIONS _____ BILL NO. SB 1351

DATE March 14, 2016 MOTION: DP

	PASS	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mrs. Carter					✓
Mr. Clark		✓			
Mr. Larkin		✓		✗	
Mr. Weninger		✓			
Mr. Mesnard, Vice-Chairman		✓			
Ms. Ugenti-Rita, Chairman		✓			
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APPROVED:


MICHELLE B. UGENTI-RITA, Chairman
JAVAN D. MESNARD, Vice-Chairman


COMMITTEE SECRETARY

ATTACHMENT 4

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE
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COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE RECORD

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

CHAIRMAN: Michelle B. Ugenti-Rita VICE-CHAIRMAN: Javan D. Mesnard

DATE	3/14/16	/16	/16	/16	/16
CONVENED	10:12 am	m	m	m	m
RECESSED					
RECONVENED					
ADJOURNED	10:16 am				
MEMBERS					
Mrs. Carter	—				
Mr. Clark	✓				
Mr. Larkin	✓				
Mr. Weninger	✓				
Mr. Mesnard, Vice-Chairman	✓				
Ms. Ugenti-Rita, Chairman	✓				

√ Present — Absent exc Excused